St. John the Baptist Catholic Church 411 Florence St Ypsilanti, MI 48197 734.483.3360

YpsiCatholic.org

July 20th, 2025

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Sunday! Today's readings include an Old Testament and a New Testament example of God being welcomed into the dwellings of His people. In the first reading, Abraham welcomes the LORD into his tent. In this case, the LORD appears to Abraham in the form of three men, to whom Abraham and Sarah show their hospitality. In the Gospel reading, Martha and Mary welcome Jesus into their home. In this case, Martha welcomes Jesus by preparing food and by complaining (but at least she complained to the right person), while Mary welcomes Jesus by sitting at His feet and listening to Him speak.

In both of these stories, God comes with a message, but only one person is open to listening to God's word, while the other is not. In the story from Genesis, we hear that Sarah did not receive God's message; she laughed in disbelief after hearing the message that she would be with child by the same time next year. For Martha, there were things that seemed more pressing than sitting at the feet of Jesus and hearing Him speak.

These passages have a clear message for us about the reality that God wants to be welcomed into the dwellings of His people: into our hearts and into our very homes. They also show us how God wants to be welcomed; He wants us to drop what we are busy with and listen to His words. He wants us to put our trust in what He says. Do you have a home where God's Word is welcome and can find a resting place? Do you have a home where God's Word is treated as though it is of great importance: something for which you would drop everything else in order to hear?

In Christ,

Fr. Dan K.

NEW MASS AND CONFESSION TIMES!

CONFESSION | MONDAY AT 11 AM

MASS | MONDAY AT 12:15 AM

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM
	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In Adoration Chapel

Tuesday 9:00 AM -5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM -9:00 PM
Friday 12:00 PM -5:00 PM

ALL NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday-1:00 PM through
Saturday 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

JULY TESTIMONY

Avery Bradley

FOOD PANTRY COORDINATOR

I was raised in small Catholic family right here in Ypsilanti. We are all parishioners here at St. John the Baptist. Growing up, my parents sent me and my brother to Huron Valley Catholic School and then to Father Gabriel Richard High-School. It was through going to these schools that the foundation for my faith was laid and that I felt the Lord really began to stir up a desire to serve, although it wasn't until later that I really began to explore what serving the Lord really means.

While attending Huron Valley, I started altar serving, and I always enjoyed being able to help Father in that way. When I was in high-school I started to have a better understanding as to why this was the case, I realized that I enjoyed altar serving because it allowed me to finally be able to do something for God, even if that thing is relatively small, it still is a great gift being able to give back to the One who has given us everything and has poured it all out. Unfortunately, while this desire to serve God never truly went away, it did become buried at one point.

A few years after high school my faith started to take a bit of dive. I had gone to solid Catholic Schools my whole life but that was no longer the case, so without that strong support system in place and with a lack of authentic community in my life, I began to slip and then to fall, and I kept falling. Late one night I heard the Lord speak to me, and all He said was simply my own name, "Avery". That was all I heard Him say, but that was all that I needed to hear Him say. Our names carry a lot of weight. In a certain sense, a name is an identity, so when I heard God speak my name, it rocked me to my very core. In that moment my eyes were opened to how I had been living, and I began to weep with regret for how I had been treating God and how I had hurt our relationship. I immediately turned back to the Lord and ran back into His arms.

Shortly after the Lord brought me back, I began to meditate on the passage from Scripture about rendering to God what is God's. This led me to ask the question: "How much more of myself can I give over to the Lord? How can I render myself wholly and entirely to Him?" and the answer to these questions came clearly, that it would be through service. I began to help at the Food Pantry anytime that I was able. Then I was asked to help start the Campus Ministry program here, which I was involved in for a few years. Eventually, I felt called to step away from that, and while I was trying to figure out where to go next, Mariano asked me if I would be up for running the Food Pantry. This was something that I never saw myself doing, but now I am thrilled to be able to. The chance to show the Lord's love to those in the community and to be an extension of Christ's heart in such a way is a beautiful gift.

WE EXIST TO FORM A COMMUNITY OF *Spirit-filled* MISSIONARY DISCIPLES OF JESUS.

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION
FRIDAY, August 1st,
1pm
through
SATURDAY, August 2nd,
7:45am
in the Adoration Chapel

Scan here to sign up for All-Night Adoration in August!

THE SJBeat

IS ON PAUSE FOR THE SUMMER

The SJBeat will be taking a break in July and August, with events resuming in September.

In the meantime, we encourage you to stay connected—to one another and to the Lord—through prayer, community, and the many opportunities for grace this summer brings.

Enjoy the season, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!

MEN'S BREAKFAST,
WOMEN'S BREAKFAST,
WORSHIP NIGHT,
BIBLE STUDIES,
& HOLY BREWS
WILL RESUME
IN SEPTEMBER.

Sacristans Needed

We're looking for more Sacristans to help with daily Masses. No experience necessary—training will be provided!

Serve in a meaningful way. Contact SrMary@YpsiCatholic.org to learn more.

JOIN THE SJB TEAM!

We are currently seeking to fill two positions:

— PART TIME COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

— FULL TIME BUSINESS MANAGER

Serve the Church, grow in faith, and have a great time doing it! For more information and to apply, scan here.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE LORD'S PROVIDENCE IN THE SEARCH FOR NEW MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM

Healing the Whole Person

EXPERIENCE HEALING AND RENEWAL: AN 8-WEEK SERIES FROM THE JOHN PAUL II HEALING CENTER

Join us for a powerful 8-week journey of healing and transformation, featuring teachings from Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT. This series explores the human heart, the wounds we carry, and the healing that Jesus desires to bring into our lives . You'll be invited to encounter Christ's love in a deeply personal way— reflecting on and praying into your own story.

TUESDAY EVENINGS, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
AUGUST 5TH THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23RD
WORKBOOK FEE: $10

REGISTER HERE

Youth Events

TONIGHT!

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL!

This summer, Christ the King and St. John The Baptist will join together for ***Wildfire and Fuel*** nights that will be held at CTK, once a month instead of twice a month. Join us for social time, faith formation and praise and worship!

JULY 20TH, AUG 17TH
7:15-9:30PM
CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH BARN, ANN ARBOR

THIS WEEK!

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING EVENT

BE LOVE REVOLUTION invites all 1st-5th grade girls to join us for a night of faith, fellowship, and fun! We ask parents to entrust their daughter(s) to our loving care for the evening. Doors will open at 6:00 PM when check-in begins. Cost is $5. Scan the QR code to register. For more information and other events visit BeLoveRevolution.com.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 6:30-8:00PM
CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH BARN,
ANN ARBOR

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY, SATURDAY NIGHT GATHERINGS

Our High School Ministry meets every two weeks on Saturday nights, here at SJB, downstairs in the Parish Life Center (PLC). These evenings are a great chance for high school students to connect with friends, grow in their faith, and have fun. Each night includes social time, a brief formation session, and praise and worship.
All high school students are welcome—especially those who have recently received their Confirmation!

NEXT GATHERING,
SATURDAY, JULY 26TH
7PM - 9PM
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

Summer sessions still to come:

JULY 21ST - Science and the Church

Aug 4TH, 11TH, 18TH - Church History

NEW FALL SESSIONS!
OUR "WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES CONTINUES...

The "What the Church Teaches" series is our answer to OCIA. Whether you're new and just exploring the Catholic faith or are a lifelong Catholic looking to go deeper, you're warmly invited to join us!

This fall, we'll dive into powerful and thought-provoking teachings, including the Sacraments, the Liturgy, Catholic moral teaching, Catholic social teaching, being Catholic in a secular world, and discerning God's plan for your life.

MONDAYS AT 6:30PM
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

1975 • 50TH ANNIVERSARY • 2025
THE SERVANTS OF GOD'S LOVE
50th Anniversary Celebration

THE SERVANTS OF GOD'S LOVE CELEBRATE 50 YEARS

Please join us for Holy Mass and a reception as we celebrate the Lord's faithfulness over the last fifty years! The Most Reverend Earl Boyea of Lansing will preside. Reception immediately following.

If you are unable to join us in person scan the QR code to livestream.

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 5:30PM
CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH, ANN ARBOR

Catholic BIBLICAL SCHOOL of Michigan

NOT YOUR TYPICAL BIBLE STUDY!

The Catholic Biblical School of Michigan offers courses that make the entire Bible accessible to ordinary Catholics through engaging, kerygma-focused teaching from expert, seminary-level instructors. Through this 8 month course of teaching, discussion, and prayer, you'll delve into the Gospels, Acts, and Paul's letters — and discover how they apply to your life today.

CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 16TH
REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 3RD
TUESDAYS AT 7-9PM
ST. JOSEPH WHITTAKER

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to attend a preparation session and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
734-483-3360

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR..

Katie (O'Toole) Davis
Kris Kapcia
Ann Marie Rusiniak
Kailyn Fitzgerald
Dorothy Chan
Philip Philipose
Shibu Philipose
Gemma Almendras
Jake Meyer
Dennis Zielinski
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck

Please call the office if you would like to add a name to the list of intercessions for healing and for men and women in the armed forces. Names will be removed after four weeks unless we receive a request to continue.

Remember also that our Book of Petitions is located in The Gathering Space. These intercessions are prayed for at every Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 21
12:15 PM: † Xavier Randolph
Requested by Renewal Ministries

TUESDAY, JULY 22
8 AM: —
Requested by —

TUESDAY, JULY 22
6 PM: † Susan Deane
Requested by Leanna McCully

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23
8 AM: —
Requested by —

THURSDAY, JULY 24
8 AM: † James L. Stimach
Requested by Mike Krell

FRIDAY, JULY 25
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, JULY 26
8 AM: Intentions of Michael Kogut
Requested by Mary Firn

5 PM: † Linda Krepel
Requested by Charles & Imogene Malewitz

SUNDAY, JULY 27
9 AM: † Stan & Betty Piotrowski
Requested by The Piotrowski Children

11 AM: People of the Parish

GIVE ONLINE

ypsicatholic.org/give

SCAN THE QR CODE TO GIVE ONLINE

St. Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene was from Magdala, a fishing village off the shore of Lake Tiberias. We know little about her past, but according to Luke's Gospel, she is the woman "from whom seven demons had gone out." Before encountering Jesus, Mary Magdalene's life was likely marked by deep suffering and despair. Though the Gospels don't detail her past, we can imagine her existence feeling hopeless and beyond rescue.

In an instant, Jesus delivered Mary from all of her afflictions. After receiving His healing and life-changing gift of freedom, how could she not give Him everything in return and follow Him?

Mary walked with Jesus and the apostles throughout His ministry, spending much time with Him day to day. She knew what He looked like, what He sounded like—and we can imagine, what His presence must have felt like.

Jesus was there to console Mary and embrace her in her lowest moment, and likewise, Mary was there at the feet of Jesus at his most vulnerable, at the foot of the cross.

When Mary arrives at Jesus' tomb before dawn and finds it empty, she falls into despair, weeping as she forgets His promise that He would rise on the third day. We can relate to Mary in this moment—trials and grief are unavoidable. In those times, it's easy to forget the power and faithfulness of God, to lose sight of His mercy and love. We often become blinded by our own limited, earthly understanding and forget that God's ways are higher than ours. In her sorrow, Mary didn't recognize His voice. At the tomb, Jesus asked her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She thought He was the gardener and replied, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him" (Jn 20:15). Jesus called her by name and she immediately recognized Him. She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni," which means Teacher" (Jn 20:16). Due to Mary's faith and the time she had spent with Him, she was able to recognize Jesus calling her by name. This same faith and ability to clearly recognize God's voice is available to us as well. Through prayer and God's Word, we learn to recognize how Jesus speaks to us personally, bringing comfort even in trials.

Mary Magdalene was given the title Apostle of the Apostles because she was the first to tell the Apostles of the Good News of the risen Christ. Like Mary, let us allow Jesus to enter into our hearts and be transformed, that we would go out into the world and proclaim the Good News to everyone we encounter. Jesus wants to enter into the deepest places of our hearts that seem hopeless and irredeemable. We only have to invite him in and he will give us everything we need.

The Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene is celebrated on July 22nd. She is the patron saint of converts, repentant sinners, contemplative life, and hairdressers.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
JULY 26TH & JULY 27TH

SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM	SUNDAY 11:00AM
USHERS		
Jeff Decker	Jude Lussier	Alex Uram
Josh Reszke	Angela Parrinello	Steve Uram
Need Volunteer	Brenda Swan	Aimee Uram-Taylor
Need Volunteer	**Need Volunteer**	**Need Volunteer**
GREETERS		
Need Volunteer	John Belleba	Shelly Czupinski
Need Volunteer	**Need Volunteer**	Andy Winnie
LECTORS		
Ellen Gibson	Rebecca Lussier	Kathy Badgerow
Maggie Sell	Van Vandagriff	Jack Lynch
SACRISTAN		
ADULT: Therese Lasswell-	ADULT: Lucy Shaw	ADULT: Judy Ramirez
JUNIOR: **Need Volunteer**	JUNIOR: **Need Volunteer**	JUNIOR: **Need Volunteer**
ALTAR SERVERS		
Need Volunteer	Adrian Anderson	Stefano Patti
Need Volunteer	Damien Lussier	Matthew Yurko
Need Volunteer	**Need Volunteer**	**Need Volunteer**

We are always in need of Ushers, Greeters, Junior Sacristans, and Altar Servers.

OFFICE HOURS AND INFO

PARISH OFFICE

411 Florence Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734.483.3360
www.ypsicatholic.org

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
(Closed for lunch 12:00- 1:00)

CEMETERY

1400 North River Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734.368.7949

STAFF DIRECTORY

Fr. Dan Kogut, Pastor
frdkogut@ypsicatholic.org

Fr. Jack Jobst, Associate Pastor
frjack@ypsicatholic.org

Dcn. Wayne Charlton, Permanent Deacon
dcnwayne@ypsicatholic.org

Dcn. Curtis Scholl, Permanent Deacon
dcncurtis@ypsicatholic.org

Dcn. Mark Millage, Permanent Deacon
dcnmark@ypsicatholic.org

Mariano Sastre, Director of Discipleship
disciples@ypsicatholic.org

Jacob Gjernes, Director of Youth Discipleship
youth@ypsicatholic.org

Sr. Lisa Zelfa, Director of Campus Ministry
srlisa@ypsicatholic.org

Brooks Bradley, Director of Worship
music@ypsicatholic.org

John Recznik, Business Manager
johnr@ypsicatholic.org

Sr. Mary Zielinski, Office Manager
srmary@ypsicatholic.org

Bob Thornton, Coordinator of Men's Ministry
men@ypsicatholic.org

Cynthia Rutherford, Communications
cynthiar@ypsicatholic.org

Emily Hall, Campus Ministry Coordinator
emilyh@ypsicatholic.org

Liz Barber, Bookkeeper
lizb@ypsicatholic.org

Anna Wells, Receptionist
info@ypsicatholic.org

Tracy Pope, Facilities Manager
tracyp@ypsicatholic.org

Marriage Coordinator
weddings@ypsicatholic.org

Food Pantry Ministry
pantry@ypsicatholic.org

Bulletin Submissions
bulletin@ypsicatholic.org

Dan & Mary Flanagan
Owners, Practicing Catholics
MIGHTY DOG ROOFING
MIGHTYDOGROOFING.COM/ANN-ARBOR-MI
734.802.1189
License #262200441
ROOFING GUTTERS SIDING WINDOWS
Call TODAY for a FREE Inspection!

Pat Walters & Sons
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING SPECIALISTS
734-483-5811

ADVANCED AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES
Professional • Personal
Auto Service
484-0770
1275 E Cross

REPRESENTING THE FINEST BRANDS THE WORLD OVER
SINCE 1946
SESI MOTORS.com
LINCOLN | VOLVO | MAZDA
3990 Jackson RoadAnn Arbor, MI 48103
SesiMotors.com [773]668-6100

KG KEMMER GROUP
We have 40 years experience providing maintenance, repairs, and remodeling services for your home or business.
Some of the services we offer: concrete, remodeling, roofing, painting, decks, and many more!
Call us for a free estimate.
Richard Mishler - 734.217.4581

kw KELLERWILLIAMS. REALTY
Rose Lang REALTOR®, Managing Partner, Investor
734-751-8129
roselangsells@gmail.com
Serving the community since 2003
Part of the commission donated to SJB
Each office is independently Owned and Operated

Licensed Master Plumber
Established 1968
ASSOCIATED PLUMBING & SEWER SERVICE
PLUMBING & SEWER SERVICE
• Disposals • Sinks
• Toilets • Faucets
• Water Heaters • Sump Pumps
Ypsilanti
482-1900
Ann Arbor
663-0055
St. Thomas Parishioner

80 years | WEINGARTZ
EVERYTHING FROM LAWN TO SNOW
WEINGARTZ.COM

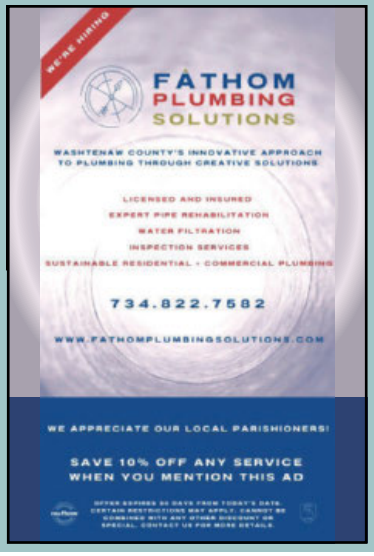
Norton's FLOWERS & GIFTS
Full Service • All Occasions
Local Delivery • Worldwide Dlvy
734-434-2700
Flowers • Plants • Greeting Cards
Religious & Inspirational Gifts
Owner: Tim Galea - Parish Member
2900 Washtenaw
(Btw. Hewitt & Golfside)
Open Mon-Sat 8:00-7:00; Sun 11-3
www.nortonsflowers.com

www.mckeone.com
JP McKeone Insurance Agency, Inc.
Business • Workers Comp.
Auto • Home
734-662-8100

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS
Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!
CONTACT ME
Craig Davis
cdavis@4LPi.com
(216) 325-6825 x6259

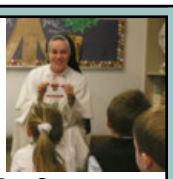


KAYROUZE JEWELRY
• Bridal Rings & Weding Bands
• Creation Diamonds
• Natural Diamonds
Tony Kayrouze
504 Main St. Ste. B • Belleville
734-444-2323
tony@kayrouzejewelry.com

Huron Valley Catholic School
Pre-K through 8th grade
1300 N. Prospect Rd., Ypsilanti, MI 48198
Phone (734) 483-0366 • Fax (734) 483-0372
Website: www.huronvalleycatholicschool.org

... from a father/ daughter team
RICK MANGAN

Professional Representation.
Don't buy or sell a home without it!
REINHART REALTORS
734-646-4620

Spiritus Sanctus ACADEMY

PRE K - 8
734-996-3855
www.spiritussanctus.org

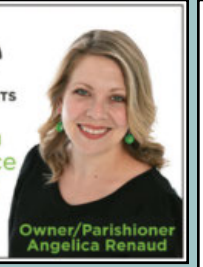
MITZEL LAW GROUP PLC
DENNIS MITZEL • RICHARD ZMIJEWSKI • AMY MORRISSEY
TESA FLEMING • PAUL SCHULTZ • THERESA URBANIC • ROBERT F. CELLA
Wills, Trusts, Probate, Real Estate, Charitable & Business Needs
1590 Eisenhower Place • Ann Arbor
734-668-4100 • www.mitzellaw.com

Welcome Homes
Leanne Wade, GRI *For where you live*
Award - Winning Associate Broker
C: 734.686.2086 | O: 734.741.5535
Leanne@MyWelcomeHomes.com
MyWelcomeHomes.com
Howard Hanna
1898 W. Stadium • A²

Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!
Instantly create and purchase an ad with
AD CREATOR STUDIO

4lpi.com/adcreator

CORNERSTONE REAL ESTATE
Cassie McCarthy
(810) 210-9281
www.Cassiesoldit.com
cassie@cornerstonemi.com
Together, continuing to support the church

A Design Line
EMBROIDERY • SCREEN PRINTING • PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS
Whether you're looking to outfit your team or thank clients, let us be your trusted source for Decorated Apparel & Branded Merch.
www.adesignline.com

Owner/Parishioner Angelica Renaud

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?
Engaging, ad-supported print and digital newsletters to reach your community.
Visit lpicommunities.com

GEI GAINSLEY ELECTRIC INC.
We'll Keep Your Lights On!
4571 Washtenaw Ave., Ste. A
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
734-434-9087
gainsleyelectric.com
EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS: 734-368-8588
BILL GAINSLEY
MASTER ELECTRICIAN
LICENSE # 6106500

WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!

TAP Property Management, LLC
My Father's Daughter • Law Enforcement Background • St. John the Baptist Parishioner
House Sitter • Property Manager • Rental Property Management
One hour, day, week or months
THELMA PEREZ, Owner • 734-985-5546